

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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February 23, 2012

Mr. Paul Bucholtz Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Superfund Section, Specialized Sampling Unit 525 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan 48909-7926

RE:

Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Second Five-Year Review

Dear Mr. Bucholtz:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is initiating the second Five-Year Review (FYR) for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. EPA will be working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to obtain information regarding various Operable Units at the Site, and will seek MDEQ's participation in site inspections as well as aid in resolving any outstanding issues from the first FYR. MDEQ will be provided a copy of the draft FYR report for review, and EPA anticipates reviewing those comments for consideration before finalizing the document no later than mid-October 2012, when the report is due. Note, however, that EPA will be making every effort to complete the FYR report prior to October.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Saric

Remedial Project Manager

SFD Remedial Response Branch #1

cc:

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